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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 24, 2008, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, claims 1-10, drawn to compounds of formula I, compositions and methods of use, wherein the compound of formula I is a compound of Formula IV shown in claim 2. Applicant elects without traverse.

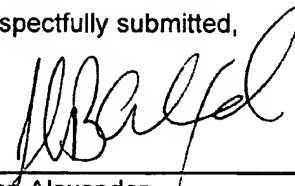
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